

REMARKS

Claims 13-24 remain pending in the application. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled, without prejudice. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 13-24.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 9243006. This rejection is respectfully traversed, in view of the amendments to the claims.

Applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 11 and 12 thereby rendering moot the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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